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## Safest And Fastest

BEACH CAR LINE BEST  
STREET RAILWAY SYSTEM  
IN THE UNITED STATES

S. C. Mason, who recently arrived in San Diego from Texas to assume the position of general superintendent of the local street car lines, says San Diego possesses the best street car system in the United States and wonders if the people here realized to what extent the officials of the company had gone to make such a condition possible.

The San Diego Electric Railway company is stated to be the first street car corporation to adopt the expensive pantograph style of trolley today in use on the La Jolla, Mission Beach and Ocean Beach lines, and routes No. 1, 3 and 11. The experiment to date has shown such good results, that, according to General Superintendent Mason, it is the intention of the company to install this style of trolley upon all cars as fast as the overhead can be changed to Catenary, necessary for operation, of which Mr. Mason gives the following explanation.

Catenary overhead is the type used for the beaches and a few other routes today in San Diego and while it is more expensive than that used heretofore it affords a greater degree of safety as it is impossible to lose contact with trolley wire overhead from which motors receive their power, including the motor that furnishes air for operation of brakes.

"At all times the motorman has the additional safety feature, seconded by the use of these motors, The Pantograph style of trolley and Catenary construction overhead gives a faster and better service to our patrons. In addition it provides a time in turning back street cars at terminals.

"Because of the success of our pioneering in the usage of this new style trolley the San Diego Electric Railways company will install the style upon all cars as fast as the change can be made to Catenary overhead."

Kodak Finishing FROIDE'S op. P.O.

"JACK" MILLAN BOOSTED  
FOR RAISING REVENUE

The council anticipated that about \$15,000 revenue would be realized as annual interest on the city's money this year, but it was later found City Treasurer Jack Millan invested the cash so that it produced \$38,000. As a result, Millan's salary for 1925 has been boosted from \$3200 to \$4000, and several deputies also have been raised.

COUNTY PLUMBING

REGULATED BY LAW

Standards in plumbing regulations required in cities are demanded in the new county ordinance just adopted by the board of supervisors to become effective on publication. The ordinance is in line with the board's new health program for unincorporated communities.

Picture Frames, Froide's, opp. P.O.

SEASON OF HIGH TIDES

The shortest day of the year that ushered in this week also marked the advance in high tides until the peak was reached at 8:54 o'clock yesterday morning, when the tide here marked seven feet five inches above the average low water. At 4:01 in the afternoon the lowest water of the year was recorded, the ocean dropping a foot and a half below the average low water. The tides will now decrease rapidly in height until they reach their normal rise and fall, though strong winds may sometimes send them above their usual point.

DO YOU KNOW?

That at the average rate for electricity, utilized domestically, a 50-watt electric reading lamp may be burned throughout an entire evening at a cost of but one cent?

A RARE OPPORTUNITY to hear two of San Diego's well-known artists, Mrs. Ritza Freeman Reardon in folk lore stories and Miss Marguerite Barkelew, soprano, will be afforded Ocean Beach people, next MONDAY EVENING, DEC. 29TH, at 8 O'clock at the Ocean Theatre. The evening will be a BENEFIT FOR TRINITY MISSION. Popular prices.

Get your HOLIDAY GOODIES at the OCEAN BEACH BAKERY, 1877 Bacon street. Phone, Pt. Loma 72-W.

'Twas A Great Night  
For Beach 'Kiddies'

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION  
PROVED PRONOUNCED SUCCESS  
AT OCEAN BEACH

Under the auspices of the newly-formed Women's Club, a very happy and successful Community Christmas celebration was held last Monday night in the Ocean Beach dance pavilion, where between three and four hundred children, with their immediate relatives, were in attendance.

Appropriately costumed for the occasion, Mrs. Charles H. Peltcher most graciously and enthusiastically enacted the part of Mrs. Santa Claus, while H. P. Sweet grandly paraded with her as old Santa Himself.

A splendid Christmas tree adorned the center of the hall, generously donated through the courtesy of Manager W. E. Benbough and several hundred boxes of candy formed a sweet treat furnished by the O. B. Chamber of Commerce and the Peninsular Masonic Club.

The festivities included music, speeches, and the singing of old carols and Christmas songs. A joyful community sing was ably led by F. A. Plank, with the excellent assistance of Mr. and Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. Leonard, while delightful orchestration was furnished by Mrs. Alice Allen, Elmer Henning, B. Coultas and Z. Stolz. An interesting talk was given by Tom Deering, executive secretary of the San Diego Community Service, who was agreeably informed by the hosts of children that they were mighty anxious for Santa to put a playground, a baseball diamond and a school auditorium in his pack for Ocean Beach. Let's hope they'll get 'em all.

Much credit is directly due to Mrs. J. L. Sweeney and Mrs. C. H. Peltcher and the ladies of the Woman's Club who assisted them in making the community Christmas entertainment an enjoyable and unqualified success in every way.

THE BEAUTY SHOP  
Phone Point Loma 63-W

EXAMINATION DUE  
FOR WOMEN'S BUREAU CHIEF  
OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The city civil service commission has been requested by the civil service commission of Cleveland, Ohio, to conduct for it in San Diego an examination for Chief of the Women's Bureau, Division of Police, department of public safety. This examination is to be nation-wide and candidates should communicate with the civil service commission of Cleveland, Ohio, not later than December 31, 1924. The initial salary has been fixed at \$2,981 a year. Further details may be obtained at the office of the San Diego commission, room 8, city hall.

OCEAN BEACH NEEDS  
More Paving.  
More Street Lights.  
More Civic Improvements.

USE OF GAS FOR FUEL

Although gas is now little used for lighting, electricity having taken its place almost everywhere, the use of gas for fuel is growing enormously. The efficiency of a well-managed gas flame, as compared with the ordinary range fire, explains the rapid shift from coal or wood fires in the home.

DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION, Please

IMMENSE BATHHOUSE  
RAPIDLY NEARING COMPLETION  
AT MISSION BEACH

Work on the big bathhouse at Mission Beach rapidly is nearing the completion items, but it is stated its huge size makes even those items take time. The Wurster Construction company, contractors, building this half-million dollar building for the Mission Beach company, is maintaining full crews at work to have the place ready for opening as early as possible in the new year.

FABER'S GROCERY STORES will be closed all day on New Year's day.

START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT  
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FINE DANCE PAVILION  
COMMISSIONED TO BE BUILT  
AT MISSION BEACH

The Wurster Construction Company, contractors and members of the Southern California Chapter, Associated General Contractors of America, has been commissioned by the Mission Beach Company to supervise the erection of a fine dance pavilion at Mission Beach.

The new building will cost approximately \$175,000, and is the second unit of a large amusement development that the firm is building for the Spreckels interests. The first unit consisted of an immense bathhouse, now under construction and expected to be ready for occupancy quite soon.

Stationery Supplies, Froide's, op. P.O.

## "BARBARA FRIETCHIE"



WITH  
FLORENCE VIDOR  
and EDMUND LOWE



FAMOUS PRODUCTIONS  
BOOKED AT OCEAN THEATRE  
NEW YEAR'S WEEK

For the first day of 1925 as well as for New Year's eve, Manager Ray Ericsson has secured a gilded production, based on a famous play by Clyde Fitch, under the historical-patriotic title of "Barbara Frietchie." The leading roles are beautifully portrayed by Florence Vidor and Edmund Lowe and you'll wind up the old year properly or start the new year right by seeing the wonderful scenes unfolded in the great story. Don't miss it. For tomorrow (Sunday) there'll be a fine Joseph Henabery production, entitled "The Guilty One," with Agnes Ayres and a special cast. Tonight (Saturday) Hoot Gibson will be seen in "Ride for Your Life" with good comedy added.

FIRE CHIEF ALMGREN  
NAMED AS COMMISSIONER  
ON STATE BOXING

Louis Almgren, chief of the San Diego Fire department has been named as a member of the new state boxing commission by Governor Friend W. Richardson. His appointment to serve with William H. Hanlon, hotel man of Sacramento, and Capt. Seth Strellinger of Hollywood post of the American Legion, will give San Diego direct representation on the commission and places a staunch follower of sports on the important board. Chief Almgren has been connected with boxing many years as an amateur fighter and chairman of the boxing committee of the local A. A. U. He still holds the latter position.

IT'S RECORDED

That the highest telephone in the United States is on the summit of Pike's Peak in Colorado where it is 14,110 feet, or almost three miles above sea level? This phone is located on the property of the Pike's Peak Highway association and connects the Peak with the telephone systems of the country.

Classified Ads Get Quick Results.

PAVING PROGRESSING  
ON MISSION BOULEVARD  
AT RAPID RATE

Paving of Mission boulevard double-tracking of the high-speed car line along this boulevard and installation of the sewer system is advancing steadily with large crews of men employed. The pavers soon will be engaged in paving all the streets, alleys and courts in the section south of the Mission Beach amusement center, while additional carloads of cement, rock and gravel will be shaped into a seawall along the ocean front of the amusement center. The board walk there will be replaced by one of cement concrete, forming an esplanade 24 feet in width.

QUICKLY FROZEN DESSERTS

An ice cream freezer has been placed on the market which has an electric motor built into it for turning the freezer. This freezer also has a regulator which stops the motor as soon as the ice cream has been frozen to the degree desired. It can be operated from any convenience outlet and will freeze ice cream in twelve minutes or custard desserts in seven minutes.

Don't Miss "LOMA LORE" series

IT'S GOOD NEWS  
HOW FOLKS ENJOYED  
THEIR HOLIDAYS

While expressing happiest salutations of the season to all, we wish to remind you that we would be greatly pleased to receive items for publication of how and where you spent the holidays. It all makes good interesting news, and the more you can tell us about your dinners and parties and comings and goings, the better we'll like it. So send along the Yuletide news, and don't forget to give names, names, and more names.

Palatial Skating Rink  
Under Construction

FOUNDATION WORK  
BEGUN AT MISSION BEACH  
ON FIRST CONCESSION

That the rainy season does not dampen the ardor of building and other improvement work at Mission Beach has been demonstrated during the past fortnight when contractors began work on the foundations for a palatial roller skating rink in the new amusement center, adjoining the mammoth bathhouse on the Prado. M. Trepte & Son are the contractors, building it for Edward A. Kickham, the first concessionaire to obtain a location for a structure in the amusement center.

The plot laid out for the roller palace is 90 by 150 feet and the building will cover it all. The 90-foot frontage is on the Prado and the 150 feet on Mission boulevard, the site being the northwest corner of the intersection.

Skating floor space in the rink will be 80 by 140 feet, free from any pillars or other obstructions. In the 10-foot space along the rink there is designed sufficient room for spectators, for whom seats will be provided on the side space, and for skate room, office, rest rooms and organ, across the end. The building will be of tile and brick, finished with stucco, and of the Spanish style of architecture. The cost without equipment, is estimated at upwards of \$30,000.

SHERWIN-WILLIAMS PAINTS—  
San Diego prices—O. B. Feed, Fuel and Express, 1926 Bacon St. Phone Pt. Loma 20-W.

PRINCIPAL "PETE" ROSS  
RECEIVES HIGH PRAISE

IN SCHOOL JOURNAL

Pete W. Ross, who is to be principal of the new Point Loma Junior high school, is most warmly praised in the December issue of the Journal of Education, a school publication, which has a large national circulation. The article says:

"Pete W. Ross of San Diego is an institution. There is no educator in the same class between the seas. He has been at the head of the great elementary schools of San Diego for 20 years and now he becomes the head of the new Point Loma high school upon recommendation of superintendent H. C. Johnson and the unanimous election by the board of education. We have known Pete W. Ross for a third of a century, since he was a student at Lebanon, Ohio, under the Holbrooks before he went to the State University of Michigan, where he graduated in 1892.

"In all the years that we have enjoyed his friendship he has been a master schoolmaster, a civic leader, a brilliant champion of the best things for boys and men. We think it is entirely safe to say that in these 20 years we have exchanged more letters with him than with any other school man. He has been an inspiration from the ranks."

IT'S A FACT

That electrical men have finally found a use for the giant cactus? Along the line of the new electric power system being built to develop 100,000 acres of the Casa Grande Valley in Arizona, cross arms are made fast to some of these cacti and thus have become useful as poles to carry the wires.

## Near Ball Tragedy

FIRST BASEMAN KEEFE  
INJURED IN COLLISION WITH  
CAPTAIN "JACK" LUTTER

The last half of the third inning at last Sunday's ball game on the local diamond nearly developed into a tragedy. The contest was between the City Operating nine and the Ocean Beach team.

With the score standing one to one, "Jack" Lutter whacked a liner toward first base, where John Keefe was on guard for the visitors. The latter dived head first for the ball, while the runner was going down the path at top speed. They collided at a right angle just over the initial bag. Lutter's left foot struck Keefe on top of the head, cutting a long, deep gash across his skull, while the runner's right shin was badly lacerated in smashing against an extended forearm of the baseman. The crash between the athletes sounded as sharp and clear as the crack of a bat. Keefe was knocked flat and bleeding profusely, while Lutter was sent sprawling several feet away, owing to the terrific impact.

Both men were rendered unconscious for a few minutes. Their fellow players and spectators alike rushed to their rescue. Keefe was found to be the most seriously injured and first aid efforts ultimately resulted in stopping the gush of blood from the ugly wound in his head.

An ambulance was summoned from the Navy hospital, where Keefe was quickly removed, accompanied by his wife, who was a most distressed witness of the untoward accident. He is gradually recovering from his injuries. Keefe is the chief water tender on the U. S. S. Corey and has won a splendid reputation in the Navy as a ball player. He formerly managed the team at the Goat Island station near San Francisco. Mr. and Mrs. Keefe reside at 3835 Cabrillo avenue, East San Diego.

"Jack" Lutter is the popular player-manager of the Beach team and is still nursing a badly bruised arm and a very sore shin as the result of the unfortunate accident. He resolutely resumed his position in the field, after an unhappy hiatus of half an hour, and the game was continued until called in the seventh inning on account of darkness, with Ocean Beach in the lead by a score of 7 to 3.

Photographs, FROIDE'S, opp. P.O.

FIRST DUTCH SHIP  
IN NEARLY QUARTER CENTURY  
ARRIVES IN PORT

The Dutch motorship Drehtijk of the Holland-American line, which sailed from Rotterdam, November 9 for this port via Antwerp, London and Champerico, arrived last Sunday with 1000 tons of cement, several thousand bags of coffee and 5000 tons of silversand, tulip bulbs and general freight. The Drehtijk is the first vessel flying the Dutch flag to call here in over twenty years.

The Norwegian five-masted full-rigged ship Euclah, said by local shipping men to be the first square rigger of its type to touch here since the whaling days of a decade ago, has also arrived from Christiania and Antwerp.

The German steamer Hessen is due today from Vancouver to load 3000 bales of cotton for delivery at London and Hamburg.

Kodak Films, FROIDE'S, opp. P.O.

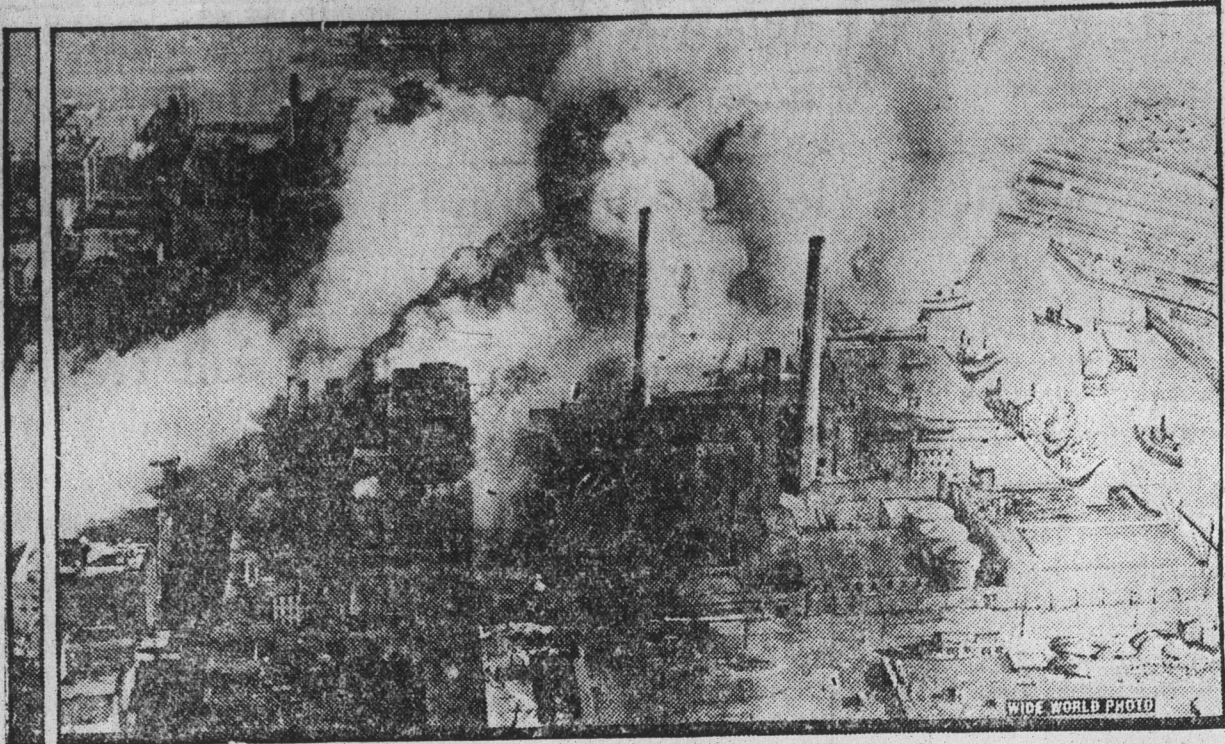
BATH OUT-CAESARS CAESAR

A bath, more luxurious than the finest that Rome of the time of the Caesars could boast, has recently been opened in New York City. This Russian and Turkish bath can accommodate a thousand people at a time and has a complete equipment of electric therapeutic apparatus. The water of the swimming pool is not only heated electrically but a two-horsepower electric motor operates a vacuum pump which filters all of the water of the pool every twelve hours.

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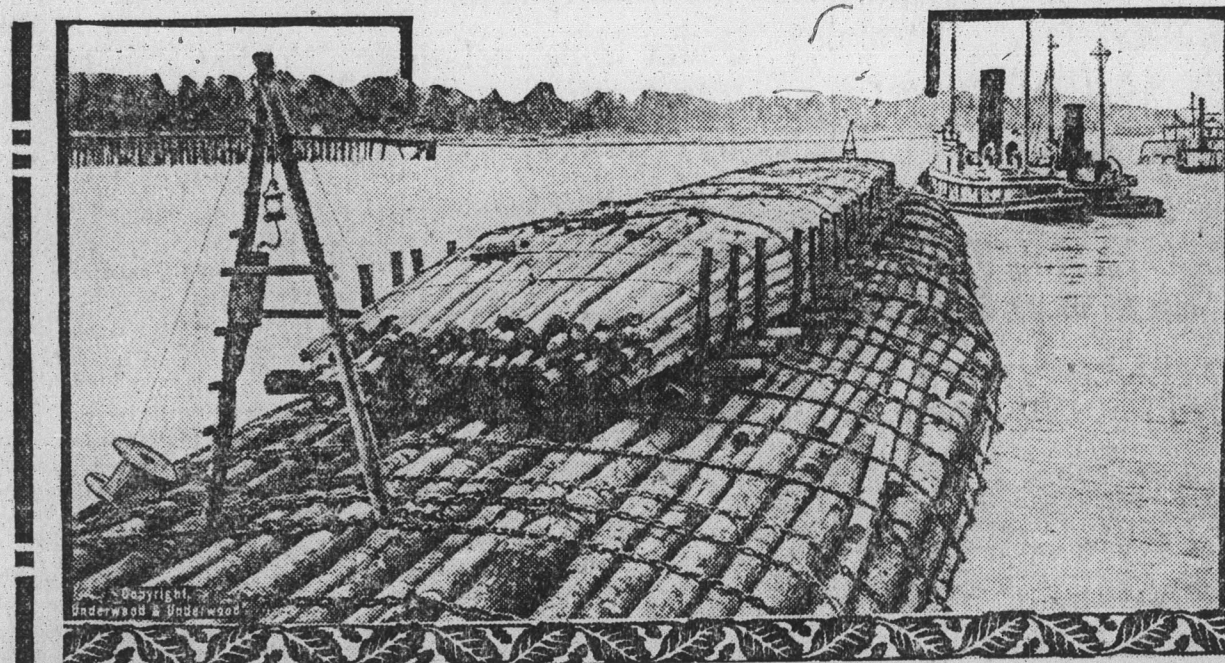


## Aerial View of Jersey City Conflagration



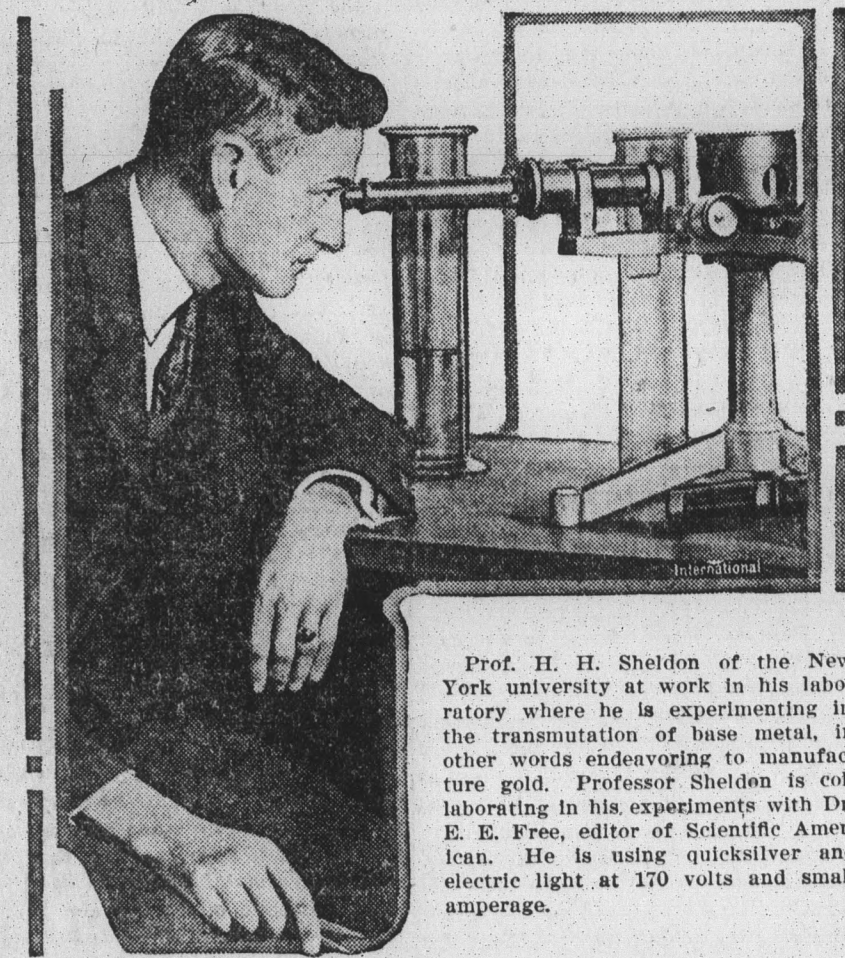
Aerial view of a section of Jersey City, N. J., covered by a pall of smoke from the fire which swept two square blocks, causing property loss of at least \$1,500,000. Not many hours later a second conflagration swept the Jersey City waterfront.

## Huge Raft of Oregon Fir on the Columbia River



Six million feet of Oregon fir traveling down the great Columbia river. The huge log raft in the picture is known as the Davis raft, a recent invention which has made possible the transporting of logs by ocean waterway to coastwise ports.

## Here Is a Modern Alchemist



Prof. H. H. Sheldon of the New York university at work in his laboratory where he is experimenting in the transmutation of base metal, in other words endeavoring to manufacture gold. Professor Sheldon is collaborating in his experiments with Dr. E. E. Free, editor of Scientific American. He is using quicksilver and electric light at 170 volts and small amperage.

## "HONEST JOHN" A JUDGE



John Burke, known as "Honest John," treasurer of the United States under President Wilson, who was purged two years ago through his innocent part in some Wall street operations, has "come back" at the age of sixty-five and has been elected to a place on the bench of the Supreme court of North Dakota.

## GIFTS FROM ARIZONA



Lee Turner traveled all the way from Tucson, Ariz., to call at the White House and present some unique gifts to the President and Mrs. Coolidge. A cholla cane for the President and an Indian basket filled with candy for Mrs. Coolidge were his offerings.

## Britten Wants Madden for Speaker



Representative Fred Britten of Illinois, head of the "Madden for Speaker" committee, wishing Representative Martin B. Madden (left) success in his candidacy for the speakership.

## A BACK SEAT AMONG THE GUESTS

By AUGUSTUS SHERWIN

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"THIS young Edwards burned down my barn out of malice and I'm going to make him pay for it!" snarled Farmer Sloan.

"He didn't do it at all," dissented Mrs. Sloan, "and you ought to be ashamed of yourself for blasting the reputation of a worthy, respectable young man."

"Oh, so you're on his side, too, like that rebellious, self-willed daughter of ours, eh?" sneered Sloan wrathfully. "Funny how these slick young fellows pull the wool over the eyes of simple women! Mary's hero is no more than a common firebug, and if I catch him I'll put him in jail!"

"You'll know better and be sorry for this some time," declared Mrs. Sloan, wiping a tear from her eye with the corner of her apron as she thought of her anxious, nearly heart-broken child.

"See here, wife," orated her self-opinionated husband, "this Edwards chap was a stranger and I don't trust strangers until I weather 'em through and through. He flitted here and now he's flitted away, leaving me a thousand dollars the loser. The night he left I'd pretty plainly told him he couldn't come snooping around our Mary any more. What did he do? Out of revenge burns down my barn."

"You don't know that," "Guess I do. Right near it we found his matchbox, marked with his name. The 'squire says there's evidence enough, even if Edwards hadn't run away that very same night, afraid to stay and face the music."

Mrs. Sloan was silent for a minute or two. Then she sighed deeply, for she had a warm spot in her heart for the cheery, careless young fellow who had come a-wooing Mary. Then she said:

"That stubborn, willful nature of yours will never change, I guess, Ezra. Your enmity for this young man is of a piece with the way you treated poor old Peter. You knocked him down the day of the fire and he has left the town, too."

"I tried to knock some of the liquor and stupidity out of the old varmint," retorted the farmer. "Good riddance, for he'd got too lazy and muddled to work."

All Millwood was talking about Farmer Sloan and his experience with his daughter's suitor and the burned barn and the mysterious disappearance of young Hal Edwards. The latter had come to the village a stranger about three months previously. He had secured a modest position in the office of the local implement works, had met Mary and they had gone together a good deal until the whimsical, harsh-natured old farmer had interfered. The night of the fire there had been a scene and Sloan had insultingly sent the young man, penniless adventurer, as he called him, about his business.

Sloan was well-to-do but miserly and grasping. He was in a constant turmoil with his neighbors, and usually deeply involved in litigation. He had advertised in the local paper a reward for the apprehension of young Edwards.

"I've settled his hash!" he chuckled maliciously to his wife. "He'll never have the face to come back here and that saves Mary from a fortune hunter."

"I don't know about that," demurred the sensible housewife. "Mr. Edwards is a gentleman and perhaps he has gone away to bring back the proofs of it to you."

"Pooh!" derided Sloan. "He got mad and burned me out from revenge and has made tracks, like the miscreant he is."

The very next day the quarrelsome old tyro got into a new entanglement. Every farmer whose land bordered on Lily lake kept a small boat. They were usually crude, weather-worn skiffs, and anybody and everybody was welcome to use them for rowing or fishing, provided they returned them in good order.

Farmer Sloan found his boat missing. A search discovered it drifted ashore two miles away and the oars gone. He made some inquiries to learn that Nelson Dye, a neighbor's son, was responsible for the circumstance. Sloan met the boy, who, scare-faced, acknowledged it. Sloan gave him half a dozen cuts with a horsewhip and he and the father of the lad had a regular fistfight battle later on.

Young Dye told a story that stirred up the town mightily. He had used the boat to visit Swamp Island, a marshy, densely overgrown island in the middle of the lake, to get some cattails to be used in decorating the schoolroom.

Upon landing, the terrified lad had been startled by frantic yells. A great form clothed in white and waving blazing firebrands had chased him to the boat. It was a "ghost," and half-crazed with fear at the sight of the dreadful apparition the boy had upset the boat and swam for his life to the mainland.

The next night mysterious lights were seen on the island. Recently many farmers had found their chicken roosts and pantries despoiled. Did these thefts connect with "the ghost"? A group of boys made up an expedition to visit the island and rout out its uncanny guest.

That very day, however, a new sensation obscured and eclipsed the circumstance of the haunted island. Hal Edwards returned to town. He was promptly arrested by a constable, to whom Sloan instantly paid the advertised reward. In some way Hal secured bail and the case was set for a few days later. Sloan came home before the release, elated and excited.

"Well, wife," he pronounced with a gleesome chuckle, "we've got the villain! I hope Mary will forget him after this disgrace. Where is she? I want to give her a sensible talking to."

"You are too late," said Mrs. Sloan gravely. "Mary has left the house."

"What! Do you mean—not for good?"

"I do mean just that and so does she," asserted Mrs. Sloan steadily. "Mary heard of your last persecution of the man she loves, packed up her things, has gone to my sister's house and says she will marry Hal Edwards the minute he asks her."

Ezra Sloan fumed and stormed. He'd see about this, now! He'd soon have that independent young rebel back under the home roof! And then some quiet, sensible advice from his wife quieted him down considerably.

"Mary had taken a firm stand," said Mrs. Sloan. "She is in the right and you won't move her. The girl has some of your strong, stubborn will, Ezra Sloan, only in a different way."

Farmer Sloan passed an uneasy night. When he got to the court-house the next day he felt more than sheepish, when at the start it was proven that Edwards had lost the match case a week previously somewhere about the farm. Then there was a great commotion outside of the court rooms. A mob of boys hustled a shrimping, cowering figure into sight.

They were the expedition that had gone to explore the mysteries of "the haunted island." It was old Peter, ragged and terrified, whom they brought in as a captive.

"I'm the ghost. I'm the one that's been stealing my living along the river for a week!" confessed the affrighted old man. "I set fire to that barn accidentally and got scared and hid away."

"And I went to see my father, who can well afford to provide a home for Mary and me, and we're going to be married tomorrow," announced Hal to Mrs. Sloan.

There was a bright, happy wedding, to which Ezra Sloan humbly consented—but he took a back seat among the guests.

## Louis Napoleon Scored on Importunate Uncle

Everyone directly or indirectly connected in any way with the extraordinary romance of the first Napoleon had flocked to Paris seeking what favors of every kind they could get from poor Louis Napoleon. Among this clamoring throng were, of course, those connected by blood with the great little corporal, and foremost in this vanguard of claimants was Jerome, who (and I have this from the old Duchess Pozzo di Boago) was insatiable in his demands for both himself and his children. The emperor was a very amiable and long-suffering man, and stood the insolence and browbeating of his uncle with admirable equanimity. Until one day, when old Jerome, annoyed by the reluctance of the emperor to grant him some particularly outrageous request, exclaimed with angry insolence: "After all, I need not be astonished, Louis, for, as you know very well, you're nothing of a Bonaparte about you really," to which Louis Napoleon demurely replied: "Oh, yes; I have—the family."—From "Uncensored Recollections." Anonymous.

## Affability Pays

In these days of keen competition, the agreeable man gets along better because his competition is much lighter than those others who seem to take exception to everything under the sun just on general principles. It isn't always easy to be agreeable, tactful, courteous and diplomatic, but it is the fellow who makes the grade that winds up on the top rung of the ladder of success; anyone can be a churl. The agreeable chap brings light and warmth to the dismal room. His hand-clasp means real friendship and his counsel is good, because he sees men and affairs in their true light. Determine to make folks like you—not with buncombe, flattery nor false friendship, but with true agreeability. Life is difficult to understand, and smooth friendship may cover otherwise rough spots in the path. The world is the friend of the agreeable man.—Mutual End Points.

## Cracking Nuts in Church

Until recent times in England Michaelmas day was the occasion of a curious custom at Kingston-on-Thames. The parishioners attended in force at the parish church, laden with nuts, which they cracked and ate throughout the service. The exact significance of the business—unless it was a kind of nut harvest festival—is difficult to surmise, but apparently Kingston merely continued a custom once common elsewhere, for Goldsmith records that Doctor Primrose's congregation "religiously cracked nuts on Michaelmas eve."

## Earth's Permanent Wave

Within the earth is a large wave that moves around the planet once every 8,500 years, according to Ludovic MacLellan Mann, a member of the British Royal Anthropological society. He says the wave moves the position of the earth's axis and poles slightly, resulting in climatic changes.—Popular Science Monthly.

## The Same Old Backache!

Does every day bring the same, old backache? Do you drag along with your back a dull, unceasing ache? Evening find you "all played out"? Don't be discouraged! Realize it is merely a sign you haven't taken good care of your kidneys. Take things easier for a while and help your kidneys with Doan's Pills, a stimulant diuretic to the kidneys. Then the backache, dizziness, headaches, tired feelings and other kidney troubles will go. Doan's have helped thousands and should help you. Ask your neighbor!

## A California Case

Mrs. M. Fetterman, 469 N. 18th St., San Jose, Calif., says: "My back ached so I couldn't do much about the house. There was a soreness in my back and when I stooped, sharp, quick pains shot across my kidneys. My kidneys didn't act properly. I used one box of Doan's Pills and they cured me. The cure has been lasting."

## DOAN'S PILLS

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## BOYS &amp; GIRLS Earn Xmas Money

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## Her Optimism

The talk had turned to psychology. This disturbing question had just been put: "When does old age really begin?"

To establish a formula was proving father difficult, when a woman, who did not look her years, found the following:

"To me, old age is always fifteen years older than I am."—Cyrano (Paris).

## Green's August Flower

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The designer who makes two variations of the straightline dress grow, where one grew before, is on the right road to success. The straightline day dress is omnipresent—and what are we going to do about it? The advent of the long overblouse, the reappearance of the tunic dress, the introduction of platings, godets, flares and, above all, of button trims and other new trims, show what we are

and are ready for their initial journey into the wide world—where they will find a teacher and many things new to them—and playfellows. Wherever shall these little kindergarten be clothed—is a question that all the big stores and many small shops are fully prepared to answer. If you ask them they will say that simple, sturdy and washable outfits contribute to the happiness of the

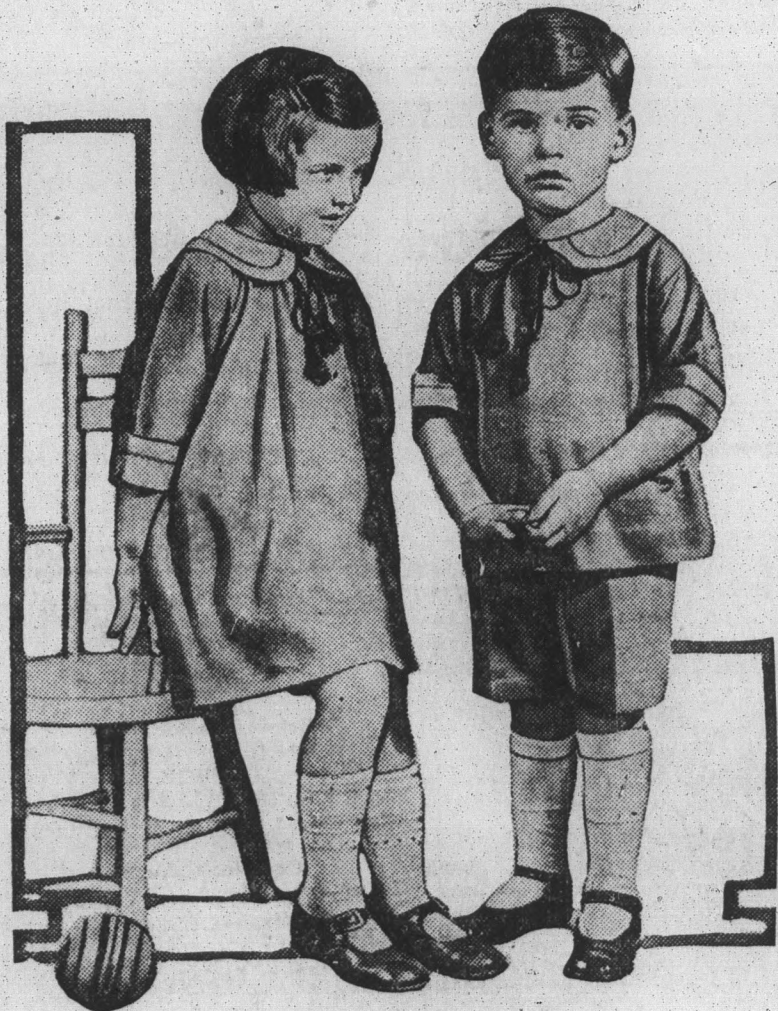


TRIMMING-THAT IS EASY TO MANAGE

doing about it. It is being varied in endless ways—through different styles in neck lines, sleeves, girdles, draperies and trimmings.

On the darker colors in smooth-faced cloth, bands of colored embroidery, edged with very narrow fur fringe, introduce color in a distinctive way and provide a trimming note that is easy to manage for either overblouses or day frocks. It is shown here on a dress of dark blue satin-faced canton crepe which has the appearance of a skirt and overblouse. The very long waisted bodice has collar, cuffs and border at the bottom, made of petty point banding edged with dark brown fur fringe. The skirt portion impresses the banding, along with buttons and plaiting, into service, but the banding is not needed—it would be sufficiently trimmed without it. These bandings usually reveal touches of several high colors and look well with all the

youngsters and to the peace of mind of all concerned. It is just as natural for the little ones to romp as it is for them to breathe and they always get more or less rumpled in the course of the day. Clothes that will stand much rubbing are best for them, made with a view to easy ironing and lasting qualities. In the picture, outfits of this kind are shown—on the little girl a dress with bloomers to match and on the boy a short smock, worn over pants that button to a waist. The collars, cuffs and ties are just alike and there is little difference in the sox and shoes. Some designers of clothes for children show suits for little four or five-year-old boys and girls that are exactly alike, except that skirts or bloomers are made for girls and short plain trousers for boys. Coarse linens in natural unbleached color and in the strong blues, lighter greens, brown, tan and deep rose, are



TOGS FOR SCHOOL TOTS

dark colors in wool flannels, jerseys and other smooth-surfaced cloths.

Another way of brightening day dresses appears in front panels and sleeve extensions of Roman striped or plaid silks in high colors. Plain silks are also used for this purpose in narrow front panels having a long row of buttons, often in gold or silver, set from neck to hem.

There are many ways in which embroidered bandings edged with fur may be used, and they are very effective on dresses of velvet or velveteen.

After John and Mary have joyously celebrated their fourth or fifth birthday, comes the solemn occasion when they must take their first steps in the paths of learning. They have arrived at the kindergarten age

## FRUIT CAKE RECIPES FOR CHRISTMAS USE

### Three Formulas Favored for Delicious Confections.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

The fruit cake recipes given below have been tested by the office of home economics of the United States Department of Agriculture. The first one may be cooked in several ways—in the oven, in an ordinary household steamer, in the fireless cooker, or the steam-pressure cooker. Rich fruit cake is always more satisfactory when done if the cooking is accomplished partly by steaming. There is very little difference between a fruit cake of this type and a "plum pudding," and the housewife who wishes to do so may reheat part of her fruit cake by steaming and serve it as plum pudding.

#### Spiced Fruit Cake.

1 pound butter 3 pounds currants  
1 pound light brown sugar 2 pounds raisins  
9 eggs 1 pound almonds, seeded and finely chopped  
1 pound flour 1/2 pound almonds, blanched and shredded  
2 teaspoonfuls mace 1 pound citron, thinly sliced and cut in strips  
1 teaspoonfuls cinnamon 1 pound dried apricots  
1 teaspoonfuls soda 1 pound dried apples  
2 tablespoonfuls milk

Cream the butter, add sugar gradually and beat thoroughly. Separate yolks from whites of eggs; beat yolks until thick and lemon-colored, whites until stiff and dry, and add to first mixture. Then add milk, fruits, nuts and flour mixed and sifted with mace, cinnamon and soda. Put in buttered deep pans, cover with buttered paper, steam three hours and bake one and one-half hours in a slow oven; or bake four hours in a very slow oven with-



A Fruit Cake for Christmas.

out steaming. One and one-third pounds of dates and one-sixth pound of candied grapefruit peel used instead of raisins makes a very good cake.

#### Rich Honey Fruit Cake.

3 cupfuls flour 1 pound citron  
2 teaspoonfuls soda 1 pound candied cherries  
3/4 cupfuls honey 1 pound candied apricots  
1 cupful butter 1 pound candied pineapple  
6 eggs 1/2 cupful sour jelly, or  
2 teaspoonfuls cinnamon 1/2 cupful white grapejuice  
2 teaspoonfuls ginger 2 teaspoonfuls vanilla  
1/2 teaspoonful ground cardamom seed 2 ounces candied orange peel  
1/2 teaspoonful cloves 2 ounces candied lemon peel  
3 pounds raisins (seeded)  
1 1/2 pounds currants

Cut the candied fruit into small pieces, with the exception of the cherries, which should be left whole. Place the fruit in a large dish and sift over it one-half of the flour, mixing thoroughly. Sift the soda with the re-

mainder of the flour. Bring the honey and the butter to boiling point and while still hot add the spices. When the mixture is cool, add the well-beaten yolks of the eggs, then the flour and grape juice or jelly and the well-beaten whites. Finally, add the fruit. The cake should be divided into three or four parts and put into buttered dishes covered with buttered paper tied closely over the tops. Steam for five hours, remove the paper, and bake in a very slow oven for an hour. This makes a very rich cake consisting chiefly of fruit. For the sake of economy the flour can be increased to even twice the quantity without affecting the quality very much.

#### Plain Honey Fruit Cake.

4 cupfuls flour 1/2 teaspoonful cloves  
3 teaspoonfuls soda 3 pounds raisins (seeded)  
2 cupfuls honey 4 ounces citron  
1 cupful butter 1 pound cranberries  
6 eggs 1 pound canned pineapples  
2 teaspoonfuls cinnamon 1 pound dried apricots  
2 teaspoonfuls ginger 1 pound dried apples  
3 teaspoonfuls ground cardamom seed

To prepare the cranberries, pineapples, apricots and apples, cook each in honey till it is soft; remove from the honey and dry in a very slow oven. A little water should be added to the honey in which the cranberries are cooked, a good proportion of ingredients being equal weights of cranberries, water and honey. To any honey left over from cooking the fruits add enough honey to make up the total amount called for by the recipe. Mix and cook the cake in the same manner as the other honey cake.

### CRANBERRIES USED IN DIFFERENT WAYS

#### Excellent Dish When Served in a Baking Dish.

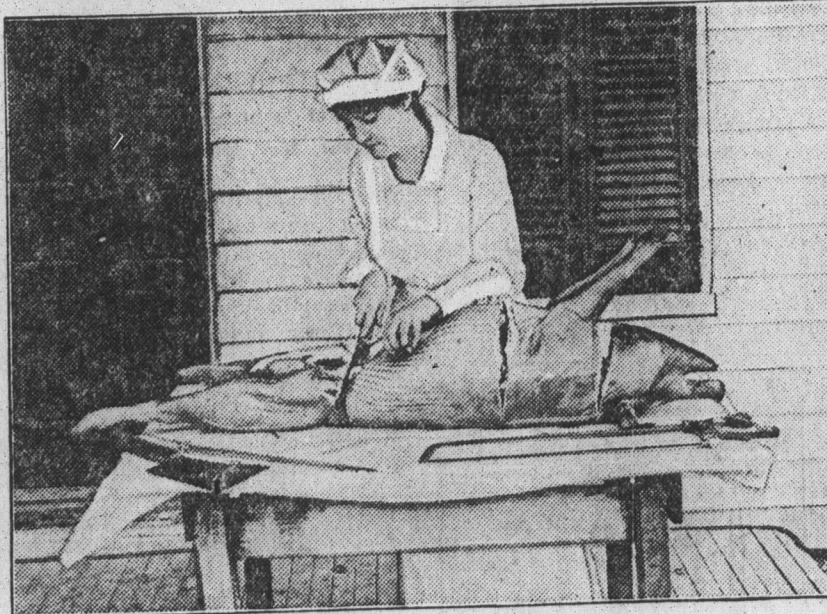
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In addition to being spread on shortcake, cranberry sauce can be combined with biscuit dough in several ways. Served in a baking dish, covered with a biscuit top, it becomes "cranberry cobbler"; spread on a square of biscuit dough such as one makes for Dutch apple cake, and then baked, it makes a cranberry cake which many people would prefer to a tart or other pastry.

Cranberry pie may be made of cranberry sauce or cranberries either with or without raisins. When equal parts of raisins and cranberries are used it is often called "mock cherry" pie. Cranberry pies are usually made without a top crust, although a lattice of pastry strips may be used, or a meringue may be spread over the top and delicately browned. In a variation of "mock cherry" pie recommended by the United States Department of Agriculture, chopped, pitted, cooked prunes are substituted for raisins.

Cranberries may be introduced in many dishes where cherries would be used in the spring. A hot steamed pudding made by a biscuit dough recipe is excellent if one cupful of cranberries is stirred in for each pint of flour. Cranberries may be used in richer steamed puddings with more eggs and other ingredients; they may be put into baked or boiled bread puddings, "cabinet" or stale cake pudding, or plain batter pudding. Most of these desserts require a sauce of some sort. A soft "hard" sauce is excellent with any of them or a liquid sauce, such as foamy or lemon sauce, thickened with egg and cornstarch, or cranberry sauce itself. Cranberry soufflé can be made if it is not necessary to economize on eggs. Steamed brown bread may have cranberries in it.

### TENDERNESS OF DIFFERENT CUTS OF PORK



Cutting Up a Pig on the Farm.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

The following suggestions made by the United States Department of Agriculture may be of help both to those who buy their pork at the market and to the farmers who may be glad to secure greater variety in the use of their home product.

There is no marked difference in the tenderness of the different cuts of pork, but the meat from the fore quarter is somewhat coarser grained than that of the loin and hams, and the proportion of fat to lean is greater. Shoulders well trimmed and smoked are satisfactory to use in place of ham, if offered at a price low enough to offset the larger amount of bone which they contain. The thick end of the shoulder is known as the Boston butt. Shoulders are sometimes boned, rolled and smoked. Since there is practically no bones in this cut, the real cost can readily be estimated. Smoked hams and shoulders are commonly boiled, but both are excellent when baked, fried or broiled.

To bake a smoked ham or shoulder, wash it well, cover with cold water and simmer for about three hours for medium-sized ham, about 15 minutes per pound when followed by baking. Allow it to cool in the broth or remove at once, trim off the brown crust and remove the skin. Smear the surface well once, trim off the brown crust and remove the skin. Smear the surface well once with brown sugar, stick it liberally with cloves, using perhaps one to each square inch. Bake for two hours in a covered roaster. Remove cover and brown the fat side well. Serve either hot or cold.

## Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale

By MARY GRAHAM BONNER

### PETER GNOME'S TALK

"I've always wanted to tell of a beautiful day I had in the late summer," said Peter Gnome.

"There were many times when I meant to tell of this day and then something came up, as they say, and I didn't get around to it—another speech which you hear made."

"I've talked enough since then but it has just happened I have never told of this beautiful day, and I should so like to have you hear of my adventures on that occasion."

All the little gnomes gathered around Peter and he began:

"It was a beautifully sunny day and the first creature I met was a lovely big spangled butterfly."

"The butterfly was very big and wore a brown suit with brown spots and silver trimmings and silver touches in the lining or underneath part of the suit."

"I am going to visit a little city girl," the butterfly told me. "She is not able to get out as she has been ill and I am going to show her a bit of the summer time, for I think I'm quite correct in speaking of myself as a bit of the summer time."

"I went to see her yesterday and went right in the open window into her bedroom. There was a big vase there filled with goldenrods and white she ate her lunch I had mine, too."

"She seemed to be so happy seeing me that I'm going again, for as soon as she is much better she is going to make a visit to the country and she is looking forward to it so much."

"I've always meant to tell you about this butterfly and the happiness he gave the little girl," Peter Gnome said.

"I went with him that day and saw the little girl greet him."

"I had on my invisible robe of course—the one I wear so that no one can see me—and I saw the butterfly flitting about among the goldenrods and I saw her smiling and talking about her own beautiful butterfly."

"When the butterfly left she called out a cheery thank you and good-bye and just a little later, when the doctor came in he said she was so much better that she could go on her country visit in two more days."

"I heard her say, just as I was leaving:

"I know my beautiful butterfly made me well—and the goldenrods which my sister brought me."

"Then I wandered away from the city and just as I was leaving I saw a little girl named Ada."

"She had chopped up some of the meat which she had not felt like finishing and was taking it around in a paper bag to the poor cats in the neighborhood. She used to take them all sorts of scraps."

"And whenever people saw her they looked at her as though she were quite strange, but all the cats came rushing up to greet her, sniffing at the paper bag."

"Then, when I got out into the country I met the dearest little lamb you have ever seen!"

"He was white but his nose was black and his feet were black and he had black stripes around his legs."

"He came to me when I called him and he let me pet him. Later I saw him kissing a little girl's hand. She was patting him and calling him her 'dear lamb.'"

"But I was so happy that the lamb had been friendly with me. Sometimes gnomes are thought to be dreadful creatures and anyone who really knows us, knows that we aren't dreadful at all."

"We love children and we do what we can to help them—never to harm them."

"And I was glad the little lamb seemed to feel at once that I was a friend."

"Oh, it was a beautiful day with the butterfly making a little girl well and Ada feeding the half-starved left-alone summer cats, and the little lamb who paid me such a compliment."

"Yes, it was one of my nicest days. There was no great excitement, no single thing that stood out above all the others, it was just a whole beautiful day that made one so happy just being alive."

"I love days like that," Peter Gnome ended.

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### African Dean Is Gloomy

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### Frank Criticism

She was in a hurry to keep an engagement and hastened out of the house a few steps ahead of her husband. Footsteps sounded behind her, and, thinking Jim was approaching, she turned abruptly, grasped a manly coat sleeve, and asked breathlessly: "Is the powder on straight?" "It is not," answered a man she had never seen before.

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Pharmacist Fred H. Kraft, of the Ocean Beach Pharmacy, was the happy recipient on Christmas Eve of a beautiful bouquet of roses, with a card bearing the inscription: "From a Friend, for courtesy and kindness." It was a pretty Yuletide token most well deserved, say we. For it's just such thoughtful remembrances that make life worth really living.

## RARE TREAT IN STORE

The entertainment to be given at the Ocean Theatre, next Monday night, Dec. 29, promises to afford a rare opportunity to hear two of San Diego's most talented artists. The program is given for the benefit of Trinity Mission and admission will be at popular prices. Don't miss it.

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## NEW RESIDENTS

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## STANDARDIZE AUTO LAWS

In dealing with the problem of reducing traffic accidents there is much confusion of effort and waste of ideas, much proposed and so little done.

In view of the fact that 22,000 persons were killed and 678,000 injured in traffic accidents in this country during the last year, remedial measures are necessary.

School children, drivers, legislators, city fathers and police must be educated on this subject. There should be uniform traffic laws governing motor vehicles instead of the present confusion.

Some states have a good automobile law that is enforced and motor accidents show a decrease. In other states there is much room for improvement. Inspection is strict in some states, in others lax, and the same rule applies to the issuance of automobile licenses. Standardization of motor vehicle laws will help lessen motor accidents.

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## A WAFFLE RECIPE

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An excellent waffle recipe is composed of two cups flour, four teaspoonfuls of baking powder, one tablespoonful sugar, a quarter teaspoonful of salt, a cup and three-fourths of milk, two eggs and four tablespoonfuls of melted butter. This will make enough waffles for four people.

Sift the flour, baking powder, salt and sugar into a deep bowl. Separate the whites and yolks of the eggs and beat the yolks into the milk. Stir this into the dry ingredients. Then add the melted butter and last the whites of the eggs which have been beaten stiff. When mixed beat for three minutes with egg beater or electrical kitchen aid before using. Be certain, however, to preheat the waffle iron for at least ten minutes or until the waffle iron is heated thoroughly enough to cook the waffles readily. Allow two or three minutes to each waffle, and serve with syrup or molasses.

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## HINTS FOR HOME MAKERS

Use and Abuse of Electric Heating Pads

By Susan Ellen Dodge

There seems to exist considerable confusion about the proper and most satisfactory use of the electric pad. This probably is due to the fact that its proper use is at such radical variance with the warmed brick, the bag of salt and the hot water bottle. To obtain the most from any or all three of these old-fashioned methods of heating, one had to wrap and cover them closely so that the heat would not be radiated too rapidly. This is neither necessary nor advisable in the use of the electric pad, because it continues to radiate heat all the time the electric current is turned on and at the exact temperature desired. For this reason there is no necessity for confining the heat.

As a matter of fact, the instructions generally furnished with electric heating pads strongly advise against confining the heat. The pad like all other electric appliances is really the safest as well as the most efficient of servants, but it must be used intelligently and treated with respect and understanding.

The proper use of the pad requires that the heat be permitted to circulate and escape from beneath the covers, thus making possible continual radiation of heat. The electric pad should never be smothered under thick layers of blanket, nor should it be used where a person perspires profusely. The pad should be used to start perspiring, but should be removed when it has served its purpose, letting the blankets do the rest.

Because the electric pad is constructed from hundreds of heating element wires each about the thickness of a hair which not only conduct the electricity but also create the heat, care should be exercised in the way it is used or abused. It should not be pulled out of shape by unnecessary bending and stretching when in use and when not in use should be carefully laid away in its box or elsewhere on a level surface. The feed cord too should be kept in good repair and never permitted to become raveled or frayed.

To me the electric pad has become indispensable and occupies a most conspicuous place in my bedroom. On excessively cold nights when cold feet prevent sleep, I plug the pad into the duplex outlet beside my bed and in less than five minutes I am warm. Often after a hard day when my shoulders or back ache I used the electric pad, the warmth of which gives me quick relief and helps me to relax.

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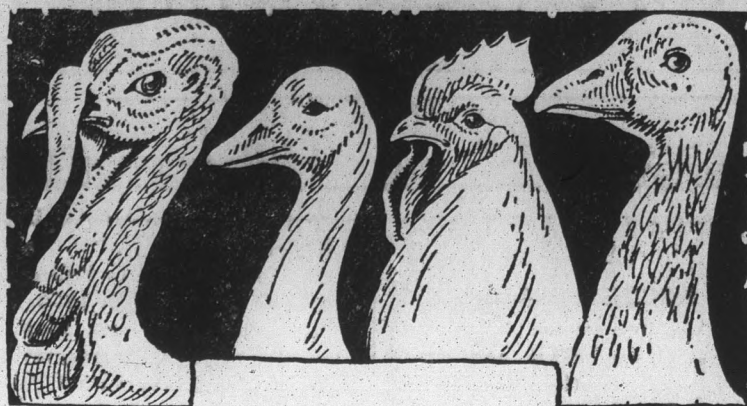
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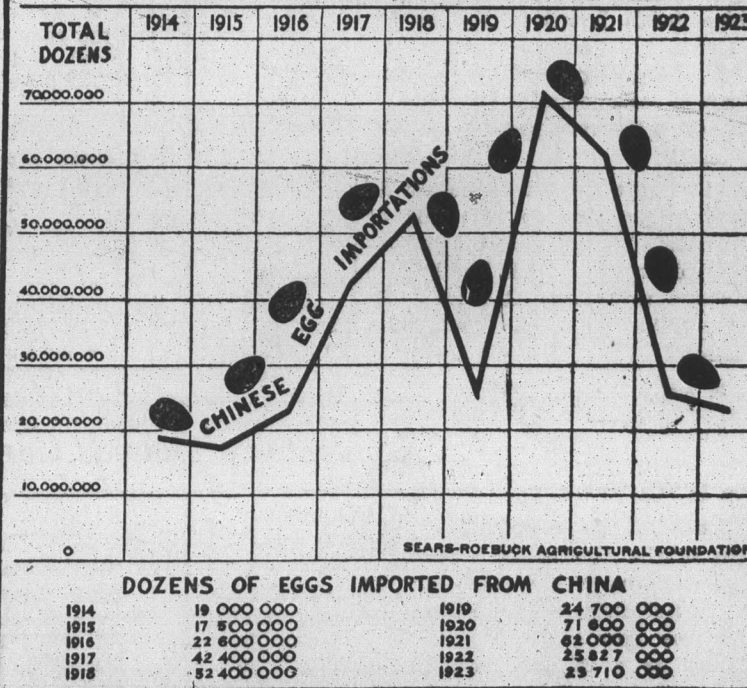
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In 1914, just a decade ago, there were 19,000,000 dozen Chinese eggs imported. By 1918 the imports totaled 52,400,000 dozen, and in 1920 the number had climbed to 71,600,000 dozen. In 1922, the year the tariff went into effect, only 25,827,000 dozen were imported. Last year the number was still further reduced, with only 23,817,000 dozen coming in.

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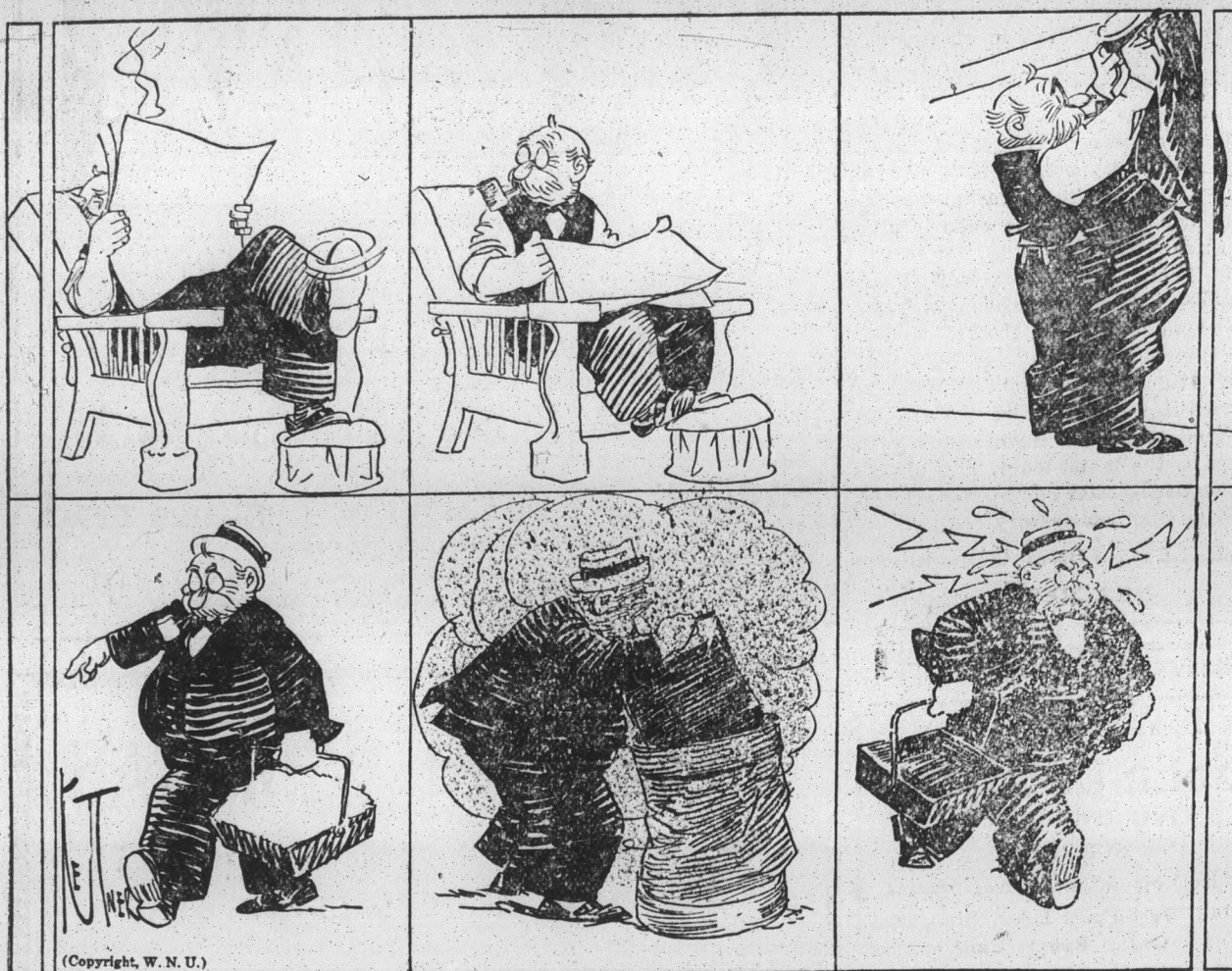
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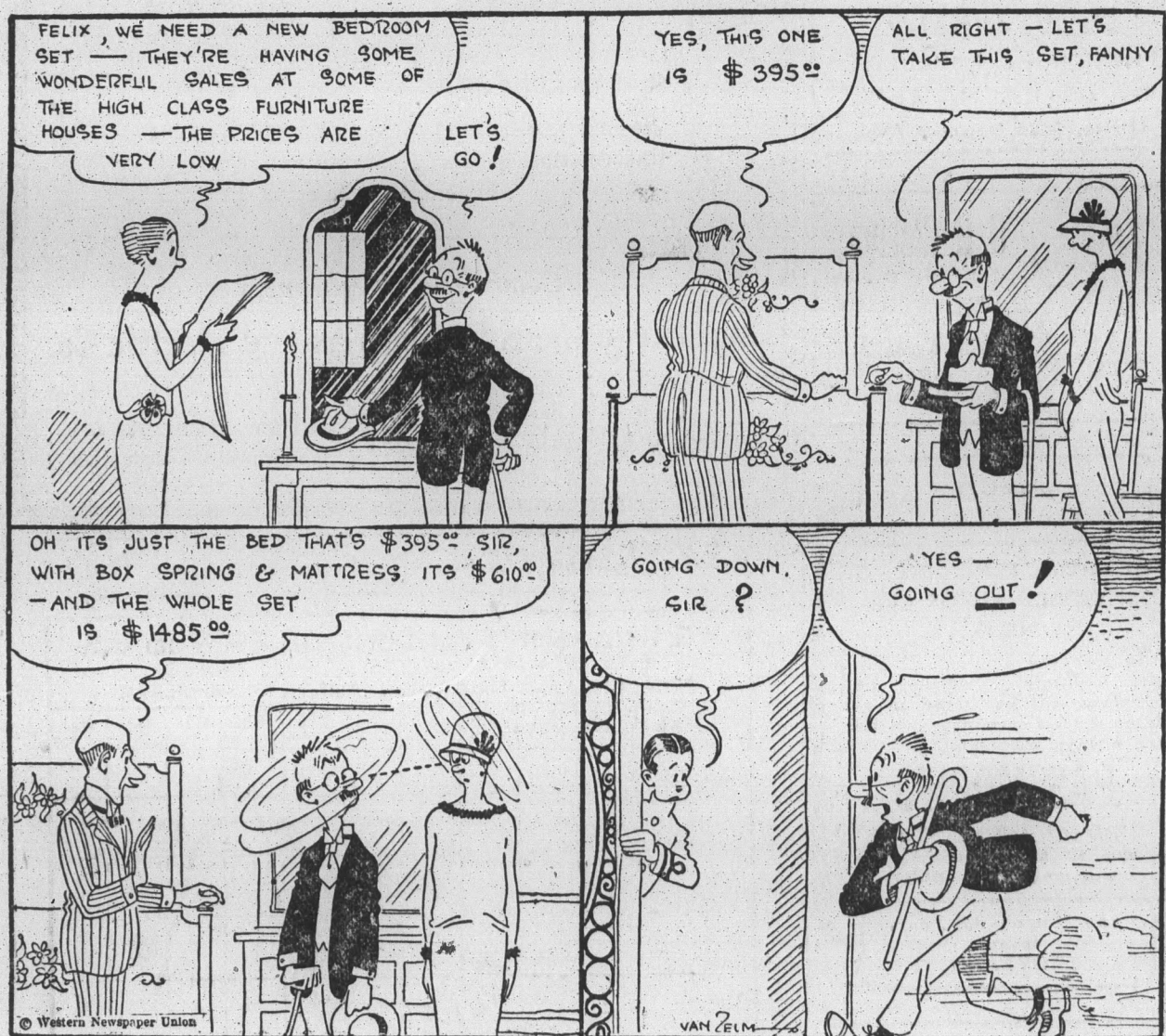
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## SMOTHER INFANT UNDER SAND IN MOTHER'S ABSENCE

**"Did Not Know What They Were Doing," She Sobs—Will Not Prosecute.**

Atlantic City.—Mrs. Merrill D. Coy, married little more than a year ago, wheeled her three-months-old daughter Dorothy, to a sunny spot on the sidewalk opposite her home in the Beacon apartments, Pacific avenue. Ten minutes later she was horrified to find the child lying under a heap of sand and pebbles thrown into the baby carriage by a group of small children, who had no realization of what they were doing. The baby was rushed to a hospital, but died soon after arrival there. Parents Will Not Prosecute. Police began a search for the children, but Mrs. Coy, although hysterical over the loss of her baby, declared she would not prosecute them. Her husband, a jewelry salesman in a Boardwalk shop, also refused to aid the police in rounding up the children.

"It was horrible!" cried the mother. "My poor little baby! But I can't prosecute little children for doing something they did not understand." Mrs. Coy told police that a few minutes after she had wheeled the baby out on the sidewalk she glanced out of the window and saw a group of children playing around it. None was more than four years old, she said. She thought nothing of their presence around the carriage until she went out to her child.

**Baby Swallowed Sand.** Her screams attracted neighbors, who helped her scrape the sand and pebbles out of the carriage. A physician soon arrived. He found the baby



Sand and Pebbles Thrown Into the Baby Carriage by Small Children.

had swallowed some of the sand and had been partly suffocated. Some of the grit, also had worked into the infant's eyes as she tried, with feeble hands, to clear her face. County Physician Louis Souder began an investigation. Told by the parents that they refused to have the children responsible punished, he announced no prosecution would be begun. "It was a most unfortunate affair," he added, "but as the mother and father say, there is no sense trying to punish such small children as those who threw the sand."

In spite of the statement of the county physician and other county officials, holding the same view, some of the neighbors of Mrs. Coy began a movement to have the identity of the children made public.

## Man Held Dead Writes to Wife From Egypt

Chester, Pa.—A letter received by his wife cleared up the mystery surrounding the disappearance from this city in December of Joseph Parent. The letter from Parent contained the information that he was located in Cairo, Egypt, and is prospering. He asks his wife to join him.

Parent dropped from sight on the night of December 6, after he left home to go to the mills, where he was employed. Mrs. Parent found a note under the door of her home warning her to leave Chester or she and her boy would be murdered.

The wife is making plans to dispose of her household effects and sail for Egypt.

## Treasure Trove Liner Is Found on Ocean Bed

Norfolk, Va.—After thirteen years at the bottom of the seas the treasure laden Ward liner Merida has been found. One day recently two trawlers, dragging a mile-long iron sweep along the floor of the ocean off the Virginia capes, caught the wreck of a ship which went down in a collision in 1911 laden with gold, silver, copper, and jewels valued at \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000.

The search was financed by a group of well-known New Yorkers, including Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, Jr., Franklin L. Mallory and W. Heyward Drayton, III.

## Community Building

### Block Planning Makes for Artistic Beauty

It is seldom that we find a street where the homes collectively form a really artistic architectural plan. Individual examples of artistic beauty are everywhere evident, but an entire block of homes built and planned for their particular setting and in relation to the other homes is hard to find.

Many builders follow a given line of sameness in the exterior plan of their buildings, leaving the artistic touch to the individual landscaping of each particular location. It works out in some instances, but not to a degree which could be termed a success.

Some day a building organization will purchase a tract of land and develop the entire property in accordance with the proper placing of homes in relation to the lot and the surrounding structures, and when this is done it will present such a real departure from modern subdivision development and will meet with such a ready response from the buying public that it will be followed by many other organizations as good business procedure.

### Church in California Town Community Center

Arthur Gleason, writing about California as the most active center of strange new religions, in Hearst's International, described the modern church, "the most perfectly equipped church in the West," as he found it in Pasadena.

"The church itself seats 1,700, and the chapel seats 600. With the building for religious education there are 84 rooms for class, club and office use. Large kitchens for the social supper, a playground, six drinking fountains, shower baths, eleven pianos, eleven sewing machines, nine telephones, a movie machine, stereoscopes, stage properties for dramatics, a stage with footlights and dressing rooms and a recreational hall for roller skating and basketball are a few of the items in the equipment."

### Value of Parks

The American Civic association, the American Park society and the American Institutes of Park Executives held a co-ordinated conference in Washington recently. At the conference the importance of national, state and city parks to the welfare of the nation was stressed.

On the general significance and importance of municipal park planning Frederick Law Olmstead, Jr., who served on the senate park commission for several years, said:

"Nothing serves all the purposes efficiently and well as a park system. There are probably none, except highways and perhaps schools, which involve so large a capital investment. The productive value of this investment is largely determined by the skill and wisdom applied to the innumerable determinations of details."

### Towns Reforesting

In Athol and Framingham, Mass., town property is being reforested; in the former town 10,000 white pine seedlings will be put in on the town farm this year, and the same number of pine and spruce seedlings next year, and the following year 10,000 white pine seedlings, 30,000 in all, says Nature Magazine. In addition, five days will be spent in reforesting the Newton reservoir property this year.

In Framingham 57 acres are to be reforested. Five thousand red pine and 5,000 Norway spruce will go in on the town farm this year, and each following year 15,000 white pine will be set until the entire acreage is covered. Pride in the coming forests is being exhibited by these communities, and this augurs well for such enterprises in the future.

### Not Too Late for Cleanup

The beauty of a city and the value of its property also may be greatly increased by the planting of trees, shrubs and flowers. Every yard, from the large ones which provide an opportunity for the skill of the landscape gardener down to the smallest patches of ground, can be made more attractive and in most cases with a minimum expenditure and an average degree of attention. An observance of cleanup week aids particularly in improving the appearance of vacant lots, which too often are overgrown with unsightly weeds or permitted to become the dumping ground for debris of various kinds. The benefits of the cleanup movement extend to the elimination of fire hazards and the removal of refuse which might become a breeder of flies and mosquitoes, thus assisting in preserving the health of the neighborhood.

### Community Planning

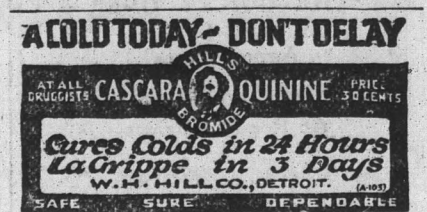
The planning of communities is probably the greatest undertaking that we have before us. It is the making of the mold in which future generations will be formed. Plainly, it is not a task for one group, one profession; still less for any section of one group or one profession. Community planning is a co-operative undertaking. Its aims and its technique are of such a nature, however, that architects, because of their training and experience, should be fitted to take a leading part.

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# Christmas and the Bible



Worship of the Magi (Painting by Burne-Jones)

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By JOHN DICKINSON SHERMAN

THE Bible is the world's Book of Books at all times. And at this season the Bible is "The Christmas Book" without compare. For the Bible is the fount and inspiration of Christmas and the Christmas spirit. Here is the wondrous story of the birth of Christ and the adoration of the "Three Kings of Orient" (Magi, wise men), as told in St. Matthew, Chapter II:

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the East to Jerusalem, saying, where is he that is born King of the Jews, for we have seen his star in the East, and are come to worship him.

When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.

And they said unto him, in Bethlehem of Judea: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the East, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold and frankincense, and myrrh.

The Bible is the Book of Christmascide. It is the Book of Sunday. It is also the Book of Every Day. For the Bible is the Best Seller, year in and year out all over the world. The presses cannot keep pace with the demand.

Why this demand? Why do the millions of earth in this Twentieth century buy and read this old book when new and important and up-to-date books are turned out every day of the year and every hour of the day? How is it that widely separated peoples are adopting a book and a literature in a foreign tongue? The Bible is itself the best answer to these and similar questions.

To a young American it might be said that he must read the English Bible because he cannot afford to be ignorant of it. Ignorant of its contents, he will be unable to understand much of the best of English literature, and unable to appreciate much of the greatest in art and music. The most important reason, however, is that his ignorance of the Bible will deprive him of the greatest source of moral strength and inspiration. Part of this argument, of course, is hardly applicable to Asia or to Africa.

Nevertheless, it is not sentiment and not pietistic or sectarian zeal that keeps the Bible press going day and night. The law of supply and demand is working here, as everywhere. And anything that is continually sought for and purchased is worth its price to the buyers or the demand will die down and out. There is that in the Bible for which the hearts of all peoples cry out.

And there is no doubt whatever that the Bible is the world's Best Seller. There are believed to be about 1,000 tongues in use among the peoples of the world. The Bible, as a whole, or in part, is now published in 770 of these languages and dialects. The whole Bible has been translated into 158 of these languages; the New Testament into 142 other languages; portions in each case (at least one complete book of the Bible) into 442 other languages; and briefer portions into 48 other languages. The principal organizations engaged in the translation of the Bible are the British and Foreign Bible society and the American Bible society, of which Edwin Francis Hyde (portrait herewith), a New York banker, is now president.

A wealthy Italian paid \$250,000 for a famous Bible the other day. A New Yorker recently paid \$60,000 for the "Mazarin Bible." About the same time the American Bible society announced that it had received an order for 1,500,000 copies of the Scriptures to be sold for one cent apiece. The range between the prices tells a story. In spite of the light fiction tonnage annually thrown on the market, the Bible is still supreme as the Best Seller. In eight years the sale of a popular American novelist's books, the second best sellers, has reached 10,000,000, whereas in the same period more than 240,000,000 copies of the Bible have been sold. At the present rate of distribution the whole world may be supplied before the end of the century. Of last year's total about one-fourth

was the output of the American Bible society, which, since its birth, 108 years ago, has issued almost 160,000,000 volumes of Scriptures. For the second time in its history the society last year exceeded the 7,000,000-copy mark, an increase of 2,500,000 over the previous year.

In the United States circulation of Scriptures was almost doubled last year, as compared with the previous year. Through the Massachusetts Bible society alone a quarter of a million copies in 42 languages were distributed. But this country falls several hundred thousand short of the Chinese demand. The American Bible society issued there two and a half million Bibles last year, an increase over the previous year of more than half a million. In fact, one-half of its 7,000,000 volumes went to the Orient. In country after country the figures have risen for the American society alone. Similar accounts come from the British and Foreign Bible society, the Bible Society of France, the Belgian Gospel mission, the Evangelical Society of Geneva and many others. The circulation of Scriptures through the American Bible society represents the services of 3,000 persons, about three-fourths of whom labor in foreign lands.

The purchase in New York for \$60,000 is the record high price for a Gutenberg Bible, the first book printed from movable type. The buyer is Carl H. Pforzheimer, specialist in Standard Oil securities. The copy is known as the Mazarin Bible because it came from the library of Cardinal Mazarin. Henry E. Huntington, at the Hoe sale in 1911, paid \$50,000 for a Gutenberg Bible on vellum. Mr. Pforzheimer's copy is on paper.

The copy bought by Mr. Pforzheimer is America's only perfect copy of the first issue of the Gutenberg Bible in an old binding. It adds another copy of the Gutenberg Bible to New York's literary treasures. There is a copy in the New York Public library, in the library of the General Theological seminary, and a copy on paper formerly belonging to J. W. Ellsworth. An imperfect copy was bought a few years ago by Gabriel Wells, who sold separate leaves at \$150 each to libraries and lesser collectors in order that they might have specimens of the book. The Mazarin copy is the only perfect copy in the United States which is in old binding. The wonderful thing about this Gutenberg Bible is that although it was the first book printed from movable type it is a perfect specimen of printing. It is one of the handsomest books in the world. It is in two volumes, in which the Gothic print, in black, not the least faded by centuries, appears in double columns. The Gutenberg Bible was printed during the period between 1450 and 1455. It is not known definitely how many copies were printed, but 300 is accepted as a probable estimate.

There are many kinds of Bibles—Greek Codexes, manuscript Latin Bibles and Hebrew rolls; the Roman Catholic Rheims and Donay Bible; the King James Bible; the English Revised Bible; the "Standard" Bible of the American Revision committee. Man is ever busy studying the earliest texts and making new translations and revisions. One of the latest translations is that made by Dr. Edgar J. Goodspeed, professor of New Testament Greek at the University of Chicago. (Portrait herewith). It is made from the earliest Greek manuscripts and is written in language familiar to average American readers. Compare Doctor Goodspeed's translation with the corresponding verse as given in the beginning of this story.

"Then Herod secretly sent for the astrologers and found out from them the exact time when the star appeared."

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Gutenberg Bible

hotel in Chicago refused to accept the Bibles from the Gideons for its guest rooms on the ground that the patronage would be of such a high type that they would not be needed. But soon the patrons "of such high type" made so many complaints about the absence of Bibles in the rooms, that the management found it necessary to supply them. Moral: People do not get either too high or too low in the social scale to find comfort and inspiration in its pages.

The Italian purchase is the record high price for a Bible. By this purchase Italy has recovered one of her most famous art treasures—the Bible of Borso d'Este, duke of Ferrara—through the generosity of Signor Treccani, a wealthy citizen of Milan. The book was produced in the Fifteenth century, and has long been regarded as a remarkable example of the art of the Italian renaissance. It was taken from Italy sixty-odd years ago, and finally found its way into the hands of a Paris dealer. Signor Treccani paid 5,000,000 lire, or \$250,000, for the book.

Duke Borso d'Este was fortunate enough to live in peaceful times, and so was able to dedicate himself to the development of the fine arts. The court of Ferrara, which had always been noted for its gay and splendid entertainments, acquired under his rule new fame as an artistic and intellectual center. Artists, sculptors, poets and men of science and literature flocked to Ferrara and were welcomed at court, and aid and support were given to all who showed talent or genius.

This was a century when artists did not consider it a loss of time to spend many years in completing one work of art and rendering it perfect. Thus one sees marvelous works of patience and talent in the manuscripts of the time, most of which were painted and illuminated by monks, who often passed a whole lifetime illustrating one book or manuscript.

Duke Borso d'Este had a special preference for the art of illumination and miniature painting, and he called to his court two of the best-known artists of the time, Taddeo di Nicolo Crivelli and Franco di Giovanni de Russi of Mantua, and having taken a house in Ferrara, where they might work undisturbed, confided to them the important task of illustrating the Bible. The book is composed of two volumes in parchment, one containing 311 pages, the other 293, and these are covered with about a thousand illuminations and miniature paintings illustrating the episodes of the Scriptures. The ornamental borders are a fantastic mixture of animals and flowers in color. The artists were employed seven years, from 1455 to 1462, to complete their great work.

The ancient binding in cloth of gold, with silver ornaments and gilt clasp, was substituted in the Eighteenth century by another gorgeous binding, but of inferior artistic value.

Until 1859, this Bible was the gem of the ducal collection of art at Modena. In that year Duke Francesco V. was exiled to Austria and took the Bible with him, together with other famous Italian works of art. The book afterward fell into the hands of Archduke Francesco Ferdinando, who sold it to the Emperor Francis Joseph. The emperor treasured it as a sacred object until his death, when Charles I took possession of it. Finally the hard necessities of life compelled him to sell the book to an antiquary in Paris. Signor Treccani never failed to follow the wanderings of the Bible and as soon as he discovered that it was in the hands of the Paris dealer he went to that city. It appears that an American banker, after the contract was signed, offered another million, but Signor Treccani refused to consider the offer, declaring that he intended the book as a gift to Italy, to which it really belonged.

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(Continued from last week)

## SIMPLE ANNALS

Potatoes were scarce and costly. An enterprising gentleman, Mr. G. W. Cofer, planted 3,000 pounds of seed potatoes on the "peninsula" early in January that year. He ferried over two horses to assist him in this work. On the 10th of March Mr. Cofer came to town, leaving these creatures alone. "At eight o'clock, at flood tide, they jumped into the bay and swam across, coming out of the water near Dan Clark's saloon at La Playa!" The chronicle goes on to describe their joy at reaching the mainland and their immediate progress in spirited style "across the mesa" back to their old home in New

There was an important survey of the entire bay begun in January, 1872, by Captain Handbury of the Engineer Corps of the United States Army, assisted by Mr. J. F. Lewis. The Union says:

"The captain and Mr. Lewis, acting under orders from the Engineer Department, will make a hydrographic survey of the harbor for the purpose of ascertaining if any changes are taking place in its depth, etc., and to report upon the same. The steamer (Orizaba) brought down the instruments and boat to be used in the survey which will be commenced immediately."

The history of the "grant floaters" is a most interesting one, but it belongs rather within the story of San Diego than that of Point Loma, although one particular phase of it, greatly agitated during 1872, may fittingly enter here.

The Union of February 2, 1872 reviews the question of "grabbed lands"—tide lands unclaimed, "ex-mission" lands, and lands not included in the Spanish or Mexican grants. The question is considered usually under the general title of the "Pueblo Case." In July, 1858, U. S. Deputy Surveyor Hays defined the lines of the pueblo lands, following with the exception of the water front practically the same boundaries as had H. D. Fitch at an earlier time. The water front Hays marked as at ordinary high tide all around the bay, instead of running in a straight line from Point Loma to Las Chollas as Fitch had done under the Mexican government. Certain parties had bought (for a song) into the ex-mission lands bounding the pueblo on the north and east and were trying to float their grants over seven leagues of the pueblo, boldly attempting to grab the very best part of the city lands.

In 1868 the legislature passed an act which provided for the sale of the city tide lands and a few persons taking advantage of this law located the entire waterfront at a valuation of one dollar an acre. One dollar an acre!

The Ballast Point case was foremost in May, 1872. The Union of the 24th says, under the heading, "Why Fortifications Have Not Been Built at San Diego:"

"Commissioner Wilson in his decision in the Pueblo Case excluded from the survey the lands at the Playa (including Ballast Point) because they were claimed by the government as a military reservation. An appeal from the commissioner's decision was taken on the 31st of January, 1872. . . There are some things about this Ballast Point reservation which will be interesting to the people of San Diego. The land known as Ballast Point was an old Spanish military reservation and fortifications had formerly existed there. In the year 1852 the president by proclamation reserved it for military purposes for the U. S. government. In 1869 the government contemplated the erection of fortifications upon that point and Major Gen. Thomas ordered the officer in command at this place (San Diego) to occupy it for the government, which was done. A claim was, however, set up to the point by Morse (E. W.) and others and matters were brought to a halt. The government refused to pay the price demanded for the land—\$30,000—preferring to establish its title by law. U. S. District Attorney Pixley told one of our citizens at the time that the people here were acting foolishly; that they ought to be glad to have the government take the ground and spend a million or two here in building fortifications; and that by putting obstacles in the way we were only hindering our own prosperity. Finally Commissioner Wilson took hold of

the matter and gave decision in favor of the government. . .

Mr. Morse's claim to Ballast Point originated in November, 1856, it goes on to state, which was four years after the president's reservation of the land for military works! This Ballast Point land was known as Pueblo Lot No. 12, and was secured by Mr. Morse for \$300.

Fishing was good! The bay was alive with fish. The columns of the papers contain advertisements of the oyster business at the head of the bay, announcement of turtle dinners at the restaurants, notices of the doings of the Chinese junks in the harbor and of the Chinese fishermen thereon. This provides a date for the Chinese settlement somewhere along the bay front in the neighborhood of Roseville. The Orientals were here in

the early seventies, surely—probably had been here for ten or fifteen years prior, two or three groups of them at least; and they continued for years to supply fish to San Diegans, monopolists of the business. Fishing parties were held by the yacht Restless. On one of them a lady visitor caught a fish weighing nearly sixteen pounds. A bottle fished up at La Playa was completely encrusted with oysters.

Wood! The February 16 Union speaks of the wood business that flourished on Point Loma. "Several persons have lately engaged in cutting wood on the peninsula opposite the city. Large loads have been brought over in boats, which have been nicely stacked near Grant, Steward & Co.'s warehouse."

Point Loma was the home of wild flowers. Twenty-nine different varieties were brought in to the Union office by one lady in a single bouquet gathered near La Playa one morning. Just back of La Playa also grew the yucca, or Spanish bayonet, in such quantities and of such beauty as to merit newspaper comment.

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Modern Banking and How it Has Changed From Pre-War Days

THE very sympathy which exists today between the Banker and his clients is shown in the thoroughness with which he enters into all the various events and holidays which occur during the year. Christmas and New Year of course lead and the enterprising banker decorates his windows and sends greetings to his depositors with the advent of every new year.

The decorations have a two fold purpose: they extend the good wishes of the Banker to his friends and neighbors, and they serve to call attention to the fact that the advent of a new year is a very appropriate time to begin to open an account, especially a savings account with the bank.

New Year being the occasion of a number of good resolutions, is especially timely to begin to practice the great lesson of saving; for saving means not only wise spending, but it means accumulating. If we resolve to amend our ways in some direction, that means usually not spending as much as we have been spending in wasteful and unproductive channels; and therefore to begin a savings account is an incentive to carry out and stick by the good resolutions we have made.

The window of the Humboldt Bank on Market street, San Francisco, which is shown in the above picture, carries out that idea admirably. It greets the person looking at the display kindly and appropriately and at the same time it suggests the idea of saving. It is a good plan to open an account rather than to save without opening one because the temptation to spend is not so great when we have to go to the bank to get the money to spend.

## BACK TO NORMAL

In no period since the war has greater progress in the return to normal business conditions been made by industry, commerce and finance than during the past year. This re-establishment of normal conditions has been brought about by the working of purely economic influences. These influences and this result completely refute the arguments and pretensions of opportunist politicians and radical demagogues who have sought to bring about readjustment by political measures. These measures were aimed to give gratuitous advantages to the special interests and classes which the proposers assumed to represent, to the detriment of the general good.

The virtual disappearance, by natural economic processes, of the abnormalities that have persisted, as the long drawn out aftermath of the war, has removed whatever justification their presence seemed to give for governmental paternalism and for special measures of relief for particularly distressed classes. At best these measures were merely sedatives

We pause and think before we go to the bank to withdraw money. Many a man or woman has saved money that was deposited in a bank which they would have spent had they kept it home or with them.

Opening a savings account too is a very sensible and useful present to make to a child. It stimulates his own economic ideas; encourages him to try to make the account larger, and it teaches him the benefit and pleasure that there are in saving and banking, such as suggested by the Humboldt Bank window display. It is a present too that lasts and that continues to benefit the recipient perhaps for years afterwards, because of the interest earned by the account.

The beginning of the year is a splendid time for those who have not kept a bank account in the past; for the housewife, the wage-earner, the youth just starting to earn a living, to begin banking. It is so easy to keep an account, and the bank will help you so willingly to start one, and to answer any one of the questions about how to keep one that you may care to ask that only very foolish or short-sighted persons fail to become patrons of a bank as soon as they have any money to do business with one.

All these ideas and many more are suggested by the display in the bank's windows, as is shown in the picture of the Humboldt Bank window in the picture. The result is that the New Year always sees many new accounts opened, many old accounts added to; and the financial interests and benefits of the people who patronize banks greatly increased, thus beginning the new year wisely.

for psychological conditions and not real remedies for economic conditions. To that extent they served a purpose, but there is no further public good that they can serve. With normal conditions once more established it should be the resolute determination of all business men to resist any further effort at political interference with economic processes.

The time is at hand for a thorough going return to a free play of private enterprise and private initiative under unhampered competitive conditions. Government influence and political interference in respect to business should be reduced to an absolute minimum. We as bankers ask no special privileges for ourselves. Equally we are opposed to special privileges for other groups at the expense of the general welfare. The experience of the past few years has been one of the greatest demonstrations in history of the validity of the view that the community interests of a people are best served by the maximum degree of private enterprise and private initiative with the minimum of government regulation.—Declaration of the American Bankers Association.

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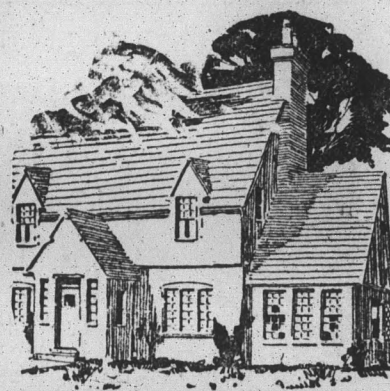
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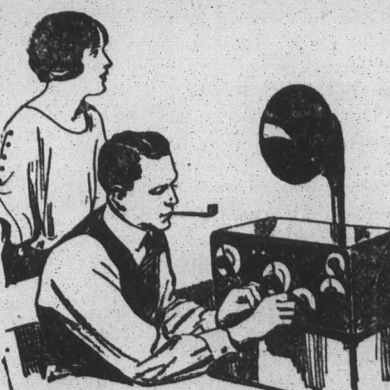
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